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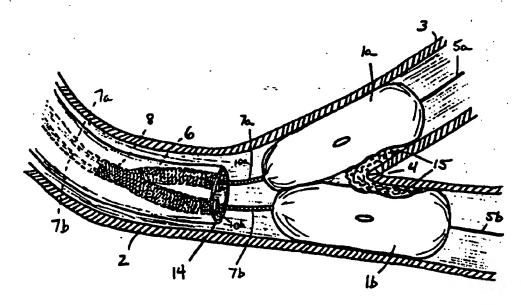
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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a Y shuttle stent delivery system to be used in the placement of one or more stents (6) in a bifurcating vessel. In particular, the stent delivery system of the invention comprises a tubular stent delivery catheter (or "shuttle") having a Y shaped bifurcated expandable deployment segment (8-11) which may be inserted into both branches of a bifurcating vessel. One or more stents (6) may be mounted, in a contracted conformation, on the deployment segment, and may be deployed in both branches of the vessel simultaneously by expanding the deployment segment by an ancillary means, such as one or more balloon catheters (7a, 7b), positioned within the shuttle.